

To the Right Honorable,

The House of Commons now assembled in the High Court OF PARLIAMENT;

The humble Petition of Robert Underwood,

N^o 2125.

SHEWETH,

THat your Petitioner about Seven and twenty years since, bought a Yeoman-Warders place in the Tower of London, which cost him Two hundred and twenty pounds; and having continued therein above Three and twenty years, and in all that time having performed his service both faithfully, sufficiently and honestly, not onely in doing his duty in his times of waiting, but also in keeping of divers Prisoners committed to his charge; and hath ever been of a sober and fair carriage, both in that place, and in his Calling elsewhere, being by Trade a Fishmonger, as by several Certificates under the Hands of the Right Worshipful Sir William Balfore Knight, sometimes Lieutenant of the Tower, divers Officers of his Majesties Mint there, and other Officers and Yeoman-Warders, and many more (who have sufficient knowledge of your Petitioner) may appear.

Yet so it is (may it please this Honorable House) that in December, 1643. upon some misinformation given to Mr. Alderman Penington, being then Lieutenant of the Tower, by some ill affected to your Petitioner, That your Honors Suppliant was then in drink, and was a common Drunkard; the said Mr. Alderman Penington put him out of his said Place, and dwelling-house belonging to it, to the utter ruine of your poor Petitioner, being greatly indebted, and having no other means in the world to discharge his Debts, and to maintain himself and Family; and ever since, being four years and an half, your Petitioner hath so continued outed, and hath not received one penny benefit by his place to this day.

In regard whereof, and forasmuch as your Petitioner hath so exceedingly suffered, and for no just cause; and notwithstanding your Petitioner hath often made his humble Supplication in all dutiful maner to Mr. Alderman Penington, while he continued Lieutenant, and desired his favor many times since, yet could your poor Petitioner never obtain to be readmitted; He is therefore now enforced to Appeal to this Honorable House, and humbly prayeth, That you would be pleased to look upon him with the eye of pity and compassion, to take his distressed condition into your serious consideration, and after all this time of your Petitioners sufferings, he being now grown ancient, and having no other means of livelyhood, that this Honorable House will be pleased to order, That he may again be readmitted into the possession of his said Place and dwelling-house.

And your Petitioner (as in duty he is bound) shall daily pray for a continual blessing upon this Honorable House.

WE whose Names are hereunder written, being requested by Robert Underwood, late one of the Yeoman-Warders of the Tower of London, to make Certificate of our knowledges touching his behavior and carriage during his Execution of his said place, Do hereby certifie, That some of us have known the said Robert Underwood ever since his coming to that place, which is about Twenty three years since, and the most of us a great part of that time; wherein he carried himself very honestly, and faithfully discharged the trust which was committed unto him, both in the performance of his said Place, and also in the keeping of divers Prisoners committed to his charge. In testimony of the truth hereof, We have hereunto subscribed our Names this Eighteenth day of August, 1645.

William Balfore.	Hugh Flood.	Ralph Bray.
Tho: Swallow.	Tho: Layton.	Samuel Sternal.
Andrew Palmer.	Tho: Dippel.	Robert Hawkins.
Henry Cogan.	Robert Green.	Richard Whaley.
John Reynolds.	Tho: Archard.	John Foster.
James Hoar.	Richard Streech.	Lawrence Heizey.
William Colet.	Tho: Collins.	Simon Cade.
Simon Corbet.	John Jefferson.	Christopher Comport.
Michael Garnet.	John Jefferson.	John Collins.
John Fanshall.	William Francklin.	Humphrey Bell.
John Baldwin.	Tho: Sap.	John Wale.
Daniel Brattel.	Edward Wallis.	Tho: Michel.
John Denbeigh.	Roger Pollerd.	Daniel Steer.
Edward Harley.	Allen Badger.	Hugh Allaby.
Henry Perrin.	Walter Harris.	John Hyron.
William Flood.	Edward Walker.	Henry Leaves.
George Snaith.	Edmund Cowe.	William Osmond.
William Bevis.	John Blancks.	

To the Honorable Committee for the Tower of London.

WHEREAS we are requested by Robert Underwood, one of the Yeoman-Warders of the Tower of London, to certifie in his behalf what we know of him touching his Life and Conversation, in respect he is now a suiter to be admitted to his said Place, which he hath been put out of upon some Information of being a common Drunkard, and therefore held unfit for the execution of the said Place; We do hereby certifie, and shall be ready to testifie in his behalf, when we shall be hereunto called, That we have known the said Robert Underwood, some of us Thirty years and upwards, the rest of us a great part of that time; and such of us as have been conversant with him in his place of a Warder, and such as have had his Acquaintance in the way of his Trade, being a Fishmonger by Profession, have ever found him a careful man in the execution of his Place and Trade; but we never knew or conceived him to be a common Drunkard to this day, but hath always carried himself fairly and discreetly in his Place and Calling; and for the space of a year or thereabouts, hath for his subsistence taken upon him to be a Journeyman to others of his own Trade, in which time he hath sufficiently discharged his trust, to the good content of those whom he served. Dated this 30 of January, 1646.

Edward Bellamy.	Christopher Comport.	Michael Horton.
Andrew Palmer.	Ralph Bray.	Humphrey Naylor.
Henry Cogan.	John Blancks.	William Woolf.
Simon Corbet.	Daniel Steer.	Nathanael Atwel.
Tho: Burghe.	Tho: Wilson.	John Cook.
James Hoar.	Felix Flint.	Bartholomew Smith.
Matthew Masen.	Edmund Adamson.	Richard Pardo.
George Bret.	Tho: Hill.	Roger Guy.
Edward Harley.	Richard Marsal.	William Tayler.
Jeremy Reynolds.	John Smith.	Tho: Whiting.
John Denbeigh.	John Langton.	Tho: Paxton.
Robert Neal.	Arthur Winde.	Simon Gould.
Tho: Collins.	George Meryfield.	George Masterson.
Tho: Brough.	George Haughton.	Nathanael Coy.
Daniel Brattel.	William Cathmaid.	Samuel Tompson.
Peter Fenton.	John Marshal.	Nathanael Sikes.
Tho: Dippel.	Richard Benthams.	Tho: Layton.
William Webber.	Gilbert Casson.	William Noyed.
Tho: Astin.	John Mainstone.	Zachary Bags.
Henry Perrin.	Richard Parham.	William Adis.
Nicholas Cox.	Peter Dolby.	Henry Poulson.
Anthony Wall.	William Wheatly.	Edward Leek.